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### THE PASSING POEM.

If you want to live in the kind of a town
That's the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll find elsewhere what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town;
It isn't your town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everybody works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to see.
It isn't your town—it's you.

—*Exchange.*

### INDIA'S MYSTIC JEWELS

DIAMONDS THAT WEEP WHEN MOON IS FULL, ELEPHANT AND CORBA PEARLS, EMERALDS AND RUBIES THAT BRING RAIN AND DISEASE, HIDDEN IN THE VAULTS.

By Vishnu R. Karandikar

Mysterious and inexplicable are the gems that abound in the Indian Empire and Burma, even in these days of the twentieth century!

It weighs twelve carats, has shining brilliant hues, with creamy golden tint, and is supposed to be 2,000 years old. The pearl was examined under a microscope and was found to have the basis of ivory. All the old tests of Indian jewels were tried, and it came out triumphant under them all. It was examined by the American Consul at Colombo, W. A. Leonard, and he found it to be perfect. Under its almost transparent pearl film one could see a complete form of a white elephant, correct in every detail.

Mr. Rodrigo was flooded with requests from New York collectors, who had heard of it through Mr. Leonard, with offers of purchase. "It is one of Ceylon's proud possessions, and it will never leave this island," said Mr. Rodrigo in reply to these requests.

Varaha Mihira, an Indian writer on jewels of the fourth century, mentions that an elephant pearl is found in the head or the root of the tusks of an elephant born when the sun is passing through the sign of Capricorn, with the moon in the Pushya or Shravana. "This pearl," he says, "is never to be bored or valued, and so in this science of gems I cannot give its value."

sapphire. Some of these jewels are only taken out on ceremonious occasions, when they are worshipped, and then restored to their secret vaults.—*The London Indian.*

## Canadian News

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TORONTO TIDINGS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Wernier on June 17th, which makes the third child—all girls. Mrs. Wernier was formerly Miss Nancy Sellers and a Belleville school graduate.

Miss Muriel Allen was out to her parental home in Hamilton for the week-end of June 23d. Mr. James Tate spent the same time at his parental cottage at Sutton West.

Glad to meet our former resident, Mr. John R. Baker, who came down from Detroit, on June 22d, for a two weeks' holiday with relatives and friends here, and to attend our convention.

Miss Clarys Ford, the deaf sister of Mr. Charles R. Ford, left here on June

After the strenuous duties he was obliged to carry on during our big convention, Mr. John T. Shilton immediately left for a much-needed rest at Wasaga Beach, where his family are sojourning.

Mrs. Thomas Middleton, of Horning Mills, came down to "Mora Glen," where she remained during the convention and met her daughter, who also came over from Niagara Falls for the big gathering. Later mother and daughter went back to Falls, where they took in the sights for a few days. On July 7th they returned to "Mora Glen," and next day Miss Middleton returned to her work at the Falls, while her mother visited in this city until July 12th.

Miss Diana Weiler, of Mildmay, came down for our big convention and remained for a week with friends at Baby Point, one of the loveliest parts of the city. Diana would like to live there.

Mr. Charles Ryan, of Woodstock, the old treasurer of our association, remained here a few days longer after the convention, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mackay.

The McKenzie and Corbieri families, of Aurora, were interested visitors here during the convention.

with many, they had not seen for nearly three decades. Both seem to look the same as they did at the Belleville school nearly thirty years ago.

Miss Bessie Ball, of Detroit, is visiting relatives and friends here at time of writing.

Mrs. Frank E. Harris was pleased to have her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golds, of Kitchener, with her during the convention.

Miss Kathleen McVean, a graduate of the Belleville school, but who now works at the New Jersey school at Trenton, N. J., was up for our convention and afterwards left for a two weeks' rest up with her parents near Malton.

The twentieth biennial convention of the Ontario Association of the Deaf is over, and all are back at their daily grind.

No wonder it was the largest attended convention we have yet had, because almost two-thirds of those in attendance were residents of this city.

The hardest working individuals at this meet were President Mrs. A. S. Waggoner and Messrs. John T. Shilton and Harry E. Grooms, and they well deserved their rewards.

Quite a good array of Buffalonians came over to help us make merry, and they included President James and

poorly, yet we hope for the recovery of both.

FORT QU'APPELLE FACTS

Mrs. Jessie Calder has moved to Regina for good, to be with her son and daughter who live there. She says city life is agreeable to her.

Mr. George Grant, of Lipton, brother-in-law of A. W. Mason, of Toronto, is probably the first deaf person in Canada to come under the Government Old Age Pension Act, and says he enjoys more freedom and ease.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Luven, of Dysert, Sask., and Messrs. Moleskey, Ferstel and Halipburn, of Regina, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Labelle recently. Mrs. Van Luven remained with Mrs. Labelle for a few days, before going to the Regina Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Labelle and others around here regret they could not go and attend the big convention in Toronto, where they could have met many of their long absent schoolmates. No doubt those who were there must have had great times, judging by the advance notices we read in the JOURNAL.

GENERAL GLEANINGS

We are sorry to say that the mother

### Central California

Berry Hancock and bride, *nee* Amelia Eisner, are living in Clovis, Berry works for the Rosemel Fruit Co. They have rented a shady place with three big fig trees, a poultry yard and a garden.

Lafayette C. Sherman brought his whole house goods in and on his Chevrolet sedan and trailer, from Los Angeles to Fresno. The engine was killed on the up-grade and the brakes burned on the down-grade. The chassis was glued to the axles. He has not been able to find steady work yet. Los Angeles may find him back before long.

The garage advised me to invest $2 in junked parts, or about $5 in new parts, for the wobbly wheels on my old Ford. But Berry Hancock made them good and true with two old washers, one new bushing and several shoes cut from ten. Cost ten cents and labor.

As the front seat has been cut to make a bed, I now own my own private Pullman sleeper and houseboat.

*Harpers* for July has a reproduction of "Grandmother and Granddaughter" by Valentin Zubiaurre of Spain, one of the two deaf-mutes

Volta Bureau
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### GOOD MANNERS AT THE TABLE

In spite of changing customs and standards, table manners have always the same foundation of consideration for the company with whom one eats. This was as true in the Middle Ages as it is today. As forks were not invented until the beginning of the seventeenth century, people before that time ate with their fingers. Yet the courteous people of that far-away time gave some attention to the art of polite eating. The great English poet, Chaucer, famous for his Canterbury Tales, describes in one of them a perfect lady: "She had been well taught the art of eating and to let no morsel fall from her lips and wet but her fingertips in the sauce."

Of course, no well brought-up young lady now would wet even her fingertips in the sauce, but customs have changed and the perfect lady was using the good manners at the table of that time.

Although the fork was the last of the table implements to be thought of, the fork is now our chief standby in eating. It is used alone most of the time, and always in preference to spoons or fingers, if this is possible. There are some foods, of course, that have to be eaten with the fingers, because it is inconvenient to use the fork; such as olives, potato chips, and corn on the cob, and most of the raw fruits. Finger bowls should be served when juicy fruits are eaten with the fingers.

It is sometimes a temptation to "pick a chicken," holding the bone in the fingers, but the sight of a charming young lady tearing the meat from a bone is not perfect. The lady of the time of Chaucer would hardly have done that, had she but owned a fork with which to obtain the sweet meat next to the bone.

Vegetables and salads are eaten with the fork alone. Most desserts can be. And it is a convention that a knife is not used with fish. In fact, it is good common sense to eat whatever can be nicely eaten with a fork and to dispense with the knife as far as possible.

Gathering a forkful of eatables, such as meat and potatoes together, as if getting a bundle ready for speedy delivery, is unworthy the table manners of a courteous person. Mixing and patting food in any way is an unrefined practice that should end when the baby teaspoon is laid aside.

Many people think that after a piece of meat has been cut, the knife should be laid down and the fork transferred to the right hand before the morsel is eaten. To be sure, this does look better than cutting and eating as fast as possible. But it is hardly common sense to keep passing the fork from one hand to another when both knife and fork are being used, and there need be nothing offensive in lifting the fork in the left hand to the mouth. A good rule to follow is to use the fork whenever convenient and it may be used without awkwardness.

When knife and fork are not being used, they should be laid side by side on the plate and not hung off the side of the plate where they might be knocked off on the tablecloth, to leave a greasy spot. Another convention of good manners founded on consideration for others: the hostess this time.

If anyone is in doubt about what to do at table, he has only to remember that the foundation of good table manners is consideration for others.

—*Jane V. Roach.*

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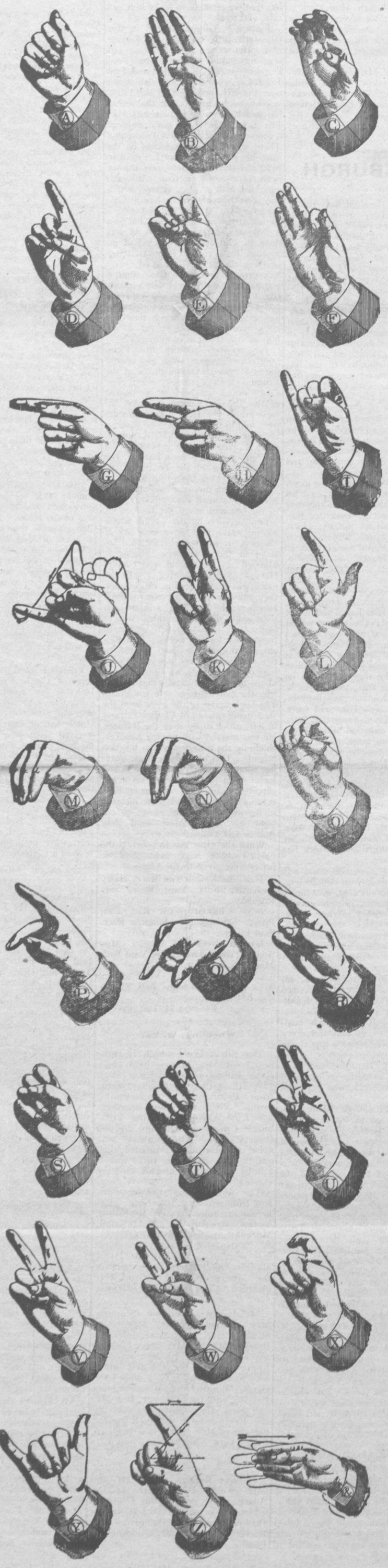
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